

The word 'gymnasium' comes from the Greek root 'gymnos' meaning nude; the literal meaning of gymnasium is "school for naked exercise'. Athletes in the ancient Olympic Games would participate in the



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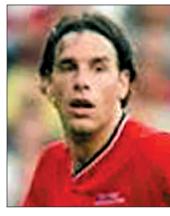
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Ruud van Nistelrooy

(Man United striker) "When I stop playing, I will quit the

game for good and never come back into football. I never want to be a manager. I think I have a lovely life but when I stop that will be it."

Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm June 4, 2004 and draw

2. Who lifted the United Insurance IM chess crown? Reefat 3. What was result of the Bangladesh-West Indies ODI 2-1 3-0 2-0 4. Who will host the 2010 FIFA

World Cup? South Africa Class..... Roll No......

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was willing to fight against opposition players but I was not willing to Andrew Strauss."

Lord's for the first time and hit a century on his debut with captain

complete semis lineup SPORTS REPORTER

Narayanganj

Narayanganj dumped star-studded Dhaka University out of the Sher-e-Bangla 22nd National Football Championship when they shared a goalless draw at the Natore Stadium esterday.

Both teams ended level on four points but Narayanganj, who needed a draw in the Group D decider, emerged champions by virtue of better goal difference to set up a semifinal clash against Bhola on May 29.

Defending champions Noakhali are pitted against Bangladesh Army in the first semifinal on May 28. Naogaon, the other team in the

roup, lost 3-1 to Narayanganj and 3-2 to Dhaka University.

Dhaka University, who donned seven current and former national footballers in their lineup, piled on the pressure in a must-win situation but all their efforts were thwarted by rival goalkeeper Mohammed Ali, who was adjudged man-of-the-

In another match at the same venue, hosts Natore brushed aside Nilphamari 7-1 with man-of-thematch Saqlain slamming a hattrick.

Mashuk scored twice while Tanvir and Shamsuzzaman added one each for the winners. Shimul reduced the margin for Nilphamari.



Chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Vietnamese Grand Master Ngueyn

Anh Dung clinched the Leonine

Second Grand Master Chess tour-

nament title when he picked the

much needed half-a-point in the

when he drew with Bangladeshi

International Master Enamul

Hossain Razib at the National

Sports Council conference room in

Ngueyn finished with 8.5 points

11th and final round yesterday.

NIGHT TO REMEMBER: FC Porto footballers celebrate with the Champions League trophy after beating Monaco 3-0 in the final at the Arena AufSchalke Stadium in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on Wednesday.

Ngueyn lifts title

settled on the island and the French West Indian Company bought it in

Cricket

RABEED IMAM from St Lucia

it's not difficult to see why.

A first look at the Beauseiour (pro-

nounced Bo-sha-jor) Stadium and

you cannot but get impressed. The

15,000-capacity ground is the pride

of the Caribbean at the moment and

Built near a fairly secluded

corner of the island, the stadium is

bidding to host one of the semifinals

of the 2007 World Cup and barring

an upset of volcanic proportions

(this is after all a volcanic island you

Beausejour apparently means

good day' in French (French influ-

ence is implanted as it was a French

pirate Francois Le Clerc who first

know!), they have it in their bags.

1651. The French left in 1797 and the British took over although for nearly 150 years both nations had fought for control and St Lucia changed hands no less than 14 times) and the ground is somewhere where everyday it seems, could be a good day for cricket. It's the driest part of the island and the lovely carpeted outfield has a pronounced slope that ensures quick

The various lounges, media enclosures and dressing rooms are specious and comfortable and

drainage even after a heavy shower.

While Ngueyn ran away with the

title, Abdullah Al Rakib won his

second GM norm when he defeated

Grand Master Niaz Murshed after a

four-hour long battle. He also ended

The 24-year-old from Narayan-

Rakib, who became an

International Master in 1998 during

the Chess Olympiad in Russia,

believed that it took him longer than

chance to play many GM tourna-

ments. I could not utilise the oppor-

"Actually we do not get the

ganj won his first GM norm in 2001

n the Asian Championship in Delhi.

runner-up with eight points.

he had expected.

tastefully decorated with oil paintings, posters and sketches adorning the walls. The party stand is a grassy artificial mound. All in all. it looks like a venue where cricket is ust not played, but celebrated.

Calypso Cocktail

St Lucia doesn't have a particularly strong cricket culture. So far only one Test match and five oneday internationals have been played here. In fact, no cricketer from here has ever made it to the West Indies team except the up and coming 21year-old all-rounder Daren Sammy, who has broken into the squad for their tour of England next month.

But the excitement for cricket is very noticeable. Locals show admirable knowledge of the game and everyone is aware that the Tigers are here although some do confuse them with the Sri Lankans.

With the fall of the banana market, St Lucia's economy is now totally dependent on tourism and the authorities have taken the queue from neighbouring islands in taking advantage of the power of cricket in boosting the industry. Beausejour hosted back-to-back ODIs against England earlier this year and according to some, no less than 8,000 British tourists and fans poured into St Lucia to watch the matches and also to enjoy the fantastic beaches, the mountainous scenery and the marine attractions like sailing, yachting and diving.

tunities in the few occasions I got

But I think it's better late than never,

"My target is now to cross the

final hurdle and to do that, I have

devoted myself to chess," said

Rakib, who has even quit his studies

to become the third Grandmaster of

the country after Niaz and Ziaur

"In the off-season, we need

assistance of foreign coaches. But

we do not get this chance. Iran is

doing well by taking help from

Ukrainian and Russian coaches,"

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said Rakib.

Lehmann kills slowly

Cricket

REUTERS, Harare

Darren Lehmann scored a halfcentury and took four wickets to play the major hand in Australia's victory over Zimbabwe that clinched the series in the second one-day international yesterday.

Australia scored 323 for eight and dismissed Zimbabwe for 184 in 44.3 overs to win by 139 runs to take a 2-0 lead and claim the three-match series that began earlier than planned.

It was brought forward after the two-match Test series was called off because of the weak side Zimbabwe would have fielded.

Zimbabwe have been forced to pick a second-string team since last month when 15 white players made themselves unavailable over what they see as racially driven selection

Lehmann was in superb form with bat and ball, scoring a brisk 67 off 69 balls with seven fours and a six and knocking over Zimbabwe's tail to take a career best four for seven with his nagging left-arm spin.

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, London

effect.

Zealand.

Former England captain Nasser

Hussain has retired from Test and

first-class cricket with immediate

The 36-year-old announced his

decision at Lord's only three days

after scoring a match-winning

century in the first Test against New

He said: "It has been a major

decision for me and it has been a

Matthew Hayden faced 101 balls as he hit 12 fours for his 87 and shared a third-wicket stand of 137 with Lehmann that saw the Zimbabwean attack travel to all

parts of the ground.

Brendan Taylor top scored for Zimbabwe with a dogged 65 off 93 balls with five fours but his dismissal in the 36th over started a collapse that claimed the last seven wickets for 21 runs in nine overs. Adam Gilchrist and Michael

Clarke were dismissed cheaply as Australia slipped to 43 for two in the eighth over. But Hayden and Lehmann

pulverised the bowling until the 31st over when off-spinner Stuart Matsikenveri beat Lehmann with flight and bowled him.

Hayden went in the 38th over. heaving a ball from medium pacer Tawanda Mupariwa to deep midwicket where Mark Vermeulen took the catch.

Medium pacer Douglas Hondo left the field after bowling 9.3 overs when Ricky Ponting, who came in at number eight, crashed a fullblooded drive into the side of the bowler's head.

Hondo did not bat in Zimbabwe's

Zimbabwe's reply began solidly enough when Matsikenyeri and Taylor put on 48 for the first wicket, with Taylor and Vusi Sibanda sharing 60 runs for the second

Taylor and Mark Vermeulen then shared 55 in another steady part-

But Zimbabwe collapsed dramatically after Taylor top-edged a sweep to left-arm wrist spinner Brad Hogg and was caught by Jason Gillespie at fine leg. Lehmann entered the attack in

second ball he had Vermeulen caught by Glenn McGrath at short fine leg for 25. Alester Maregwede scored 18 not out but none of the remaining

the next over, the 37th, and with his

five Zimbabwe batsmen scored more than one run each Lehmann attributed his career

best figures to nothing more than "very slow bowling".

"It was just very slow bowling Lehmann told reporters.

"The pitch had a bit in it early, and

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Mega Dutch tri-series

AFP. New Delhi

World champions Australia will take on Asian rivals India and Pakistan in a high-profile limited-overs cricket series to be played in the Netherlands in August, it was announced on Thursday.

The series will be held in Amsterdam between August 22-29 and promises to draw a huge television audience around the world despite it clashing with the Athens Olympics, which run from August 13-29. Each team will play the other

once in the preliminary league with the top two advancing to the final, Indian cricket board official Ratnakar Shetty said. The Netherlands, an associate

member of the International Cricket Council (ICC), hosted a World Cup match in 1999, but this will be the first multi-nation series to be played The Dutch are no strangers to

to play in two World Cups in 1996 Australia, India and Pakistan will

use the series to prepare for the 12nation Champions Trophy tournament to be held in England in

Ctg cricket

CU CORRESPONDENT

Kallol Sangha and Abedin Club won their respective matches in the CJKS S Alam First Division Cricket League which resumed in Chittagong yesterday after a short

Kallol inflicted a massive eightwicket defeat on Mohammedan Sporting Club Blues at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium.

Sankar Sen grabbed five wickets for 25 to bowl out Mohammedan Blues for only 131 in 42.2 overs. Middle-order batsman Mustafizur

In reply, Kallol Sangha reached 133-2 in 29 overs. One down Tofasal Zitu made 40 while opener Nayan Biswas was unbeaten on 33. In the other match, Abedin Club

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Venue: St Lucia

Rahman top-scored with 36.

Top seed Roger Federer's dream of

Vietnam Grand Master Nguyen Ahn Dung (L) and Abdullah Al Rakib finished champion and runner-up respectively in the Leonine Second GM Chess tournament that concluded yesterday.

Federer meets Kuerten next



AFP, Paris

adding the French Open title to his Wimbledon and Australian Open crowns will face its stiffest examination when he comes up against triple Roland Garros winner Gustavo Kuerten in the third round of this year's championship.

World number one Federer reached the last 32 with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 triumph over Germany's Nicolas Kiefer to record his first ever win on the main Philippe Chatrier court while 28th seeded Brazilian Kuerten, champion in 1997, 2000

and 2001, disposed of Belgium's Gilles Elseneer 6-2, 6-0, 6-3. Also reaching the third round on

Thursday were former world number one Llevton Hewitt of Australia and Spain's Albert Costa, the 2002 champion. In the women's draw, 2001 cham-

pion Jennifer Capriati of the United States, and 2000 winner Mary Pierce of France almost made it comfortably through on a day when order was restored to the championship after the shocks which had sent some of their title rivals crashing out.

Federer had never before won a match or even a set on the centre court, tumbling out in the first round last year to Luis Horna of Peru and the year before that to Hicham Arazi of Morocco at the same stage.

another Federer fiasco happening against Kiefer, the German player once touted as the next Boris Becker but who has struggled the last two years with injuries and poor

But there was rarely a glimmer of

"It should be a great match against Kuerten for both of us and for the tournament," said Federer who has a 1-1 career record against the Brazilian winning on clay in Hamburg in 2002 before losing on hard courts at Indian Wells in 2003.

"We haven't played each other very often but if I can get past him, it will be a huge step. But I am not looking beyond that match because that would be disrespectful to Guga."

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shortly afterwards Who won the GP Corporate Cricket League Plate title? Ispahani

gradual thing that has happened over months. "I have been thinking about when was the time to go and on Sunday I decided the time was right to go."

Hussain, who was on the verge of tears as he revealed his decision, added: "Age has been catching up on me a little, the body, the fire in the stomach and the eyes have started to deteriorate a bit as well. "I was willing to fight that and I

fight against youth in the form of Strauss had come into the side at

Michael Vaughan missing the match through injury.

Hussain calls time

But with Vaughan ready to resume his place, Hussain's decision will make like easier for the selectors.

Hussain said: "I'm emotional

NASSER HUSSAIN

because it's a big day in my life to give up the game of cricket but it's not because I am sad.

"I would have loved to have played 100 caps but not for the stat." Hussain had revealed to England coach Duncan Fletcher and captain Michael Vaughan before announcing his news to the

He said: "I spoke to Duncan. He was adamant that I should go out in the way I deserved. He did not say 'No Nasser I want you to stay,' none of the selectors did that, nor did the captain.'

Hussain captained England in 45 of his 96 Tests before stepping down in favour of Michael Vaughan last England won 17 Tests under his

leadership, a total exceeded only by Peter May (20) and Mike Brearley (18). Hussain scored 5,764 Test runs at an average of 37.18 during an

England career which began on the

1990 tour to the West Indies. He made 14 centuries and 33 fifties, with a highest score of 207 against Australia in Edgbaston in

FACT-BOX

Born: 28 March, 1968 in Madras Essex record: debut in 1987, benefit 1999 England record: debut in 1990, v West England captaincy: Won 17 of a record 45

Australia (Edgbaston, 1997)

First Test Test centuries: 14, highest score: 207